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Dayco Corp./ L. E. Carpenter Co. Site in Wharton, New Jersey  
Rockaway River Sediment Ecological Assessment Report

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The purpose of this memorandum is to request that you arrange for review of the above-referenced report by one or two reviewers with expertise in benthic ecological assessments. The ecological risk assessment chapter of the baseline risk assessment report was previously reviewed by the Biological Technical Assistance Group (BTAG). Since that report was lacking with respect to the Rockaway River, the New Jersey Department of Environmental Protection and Energy (NJDEPE), the lead agency, requested an additional assessment for the river sediments. NJDEPE has requested EPA's comments on the attached report by December 30, 1992.

In view of the specialized subject matter of the report and the rapid review needed by NJDEPE, I don't believe that review by the full BTAG is necessary or desirable. Therefore, I will appreciate your arranging for a limited review of the report. I will need the resulting comments by December 28, 1993 in order to comply with NJDEPE's request.

Please contact me at 264-8098 if there is a need to discuss this matter.

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Attachment

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